

Senator Moore are 19 fourth graders from McCool Junction School in McCool Junction and their teacher. Would you please stand and be recognized. Welcome to the Chamber. Thank you. And in the north balcony are special guests of Senator Carson Rogers. They are 39 eighth graders from Centura Public School and their teachers. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chamber. Thank you. Also accompanying Senator Langford to the Chamber today and seated under the north balcony is her husband Jack Langford. Would you please rise and be recognized. Thank you. We will now proceed with debate on the second portion of the Schellpeper amendments. Senator Schellpeper, wish to address this. (See Senator Schellpeper's FA341 on page 1738 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam Chairman and members. If you'll look at the amendment, it's on page 4 and it just deals with lines 9 and 10 and all it does, it's we're attempting to put into statute what everyone thinks is the law at the current time. The Attorney General thinks we should change the law so that it includes simulcast and live race handle. Currently, all racetracks in Nebraska are operating under live handle only to the Small Track Fund and that's the way that it has always operated. So we're not taking any funds away from anybody. Currently, they are paying on live race meet handle. We are not paying on simulcast from any racetrack in Nebraska at the present time, so what we're attempting to do with this amendment is to just say that we will continue as we are at the present time, that you will pay on live handle and that will go into the Small Track Fund. We're not saying that it can't go to quarter horses with this amendment and we're not saying that it should go any place. We're just saying it goes to the Small Track Fund. So I think people are looking at this amendment and to more than what it actually does, because all we're attempting to do is just saying how we're going to rule and put it into statute that it only includes the live race meet. I'd be glad to answer any questions. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Rod Johnson, followed by Senators Abboud, Lamb and Will. Senator Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Madam President and members, I guess I'd rise in support of what Senator Lamb is attempting to do to help the quarter horse track participants. As you recall, on General File offered an amendment to increase the admissions fee to help